

Application Number 09/963,806
Amendment Responsive to Office Action mailed September 12, 2006

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REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the final Office Action dated September 12, 2006. In this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1, 20, 38, 44, 46, 47, 50 and 51. Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, 14-18, 20-24, 26-29, 32-36, 38, 40-47 and 50-66 remain pending.

In the final Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 11, 14-18, 29, 32-36, 43, and 52-66. The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 7-9, 20-24, 26-28, 38, 40-42, 44-47, 50, and 51 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, citing a minor antecedent basis problem. However, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-5, 7-9, 20-24, 26-28, 38, 40-42, 44-47, 50, and 51 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1, 20, 38, 44, 46, 47, 50 and 51 to address the antecedent basis problem identified by the Examiner. Accordingly, the rejection under section 112, second paragraph, should now be moot.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment. The Amendment is directed to minor issues of form, and would create no new issues nor require any further consideration or search by the Examiner. Rather, entry of the Amendment would place the application in condition for immediate allowance.

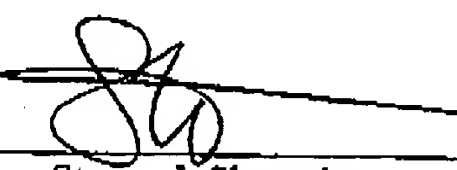
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1778. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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